

apparatus even in case of confirming the data transferred to the external storage device, later in the image pickup apparatus.

5 The above-mentioned objects can be attained, according to the present invention, in addition to the aforementioned configuration, that is, the present invention is directed to an external storage device further comprising:

10 a conversion unit for converting said predetermined taken image information, written into said second image storage medium, into an image matching a display ability of said image display means; and

15 a second transfer unit for writing image information converted by said conversion unit in said first image storage medium.

Still another object of the present invention is to enable operation on the image file stored in the external storage device while maintaining the configuration thereof as simple as possible.

20 The above-mentioned object can be attained, according to the present invention, in addition to the aforementioned configurations, a configuration wherein the image pickup apparatus has means for operating the file in the second image storage medium and the
25 external storage device executes operation on the image file recorded in the second storage medium according to the aforementioned operation on the file.

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Still other objects of the present invention, and the features thereof, will become fully apparent from the following description of the embodiments, to be taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a schematic block diagram showing the configuration of a first embodiment of the present invention;

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Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the main body of the camera of the first embodiment;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the main body of the camera of the first embodiment, seen from another direction;

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Fig. 4 is an external view of a cradle 50;

Fig. 5 is a flow chart showing operations of the cradle;

Fig. 6 is a view showing a first example of display in the cradle operation;

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Fig. 7 is a view showing a second example of display in the cradle operation;

Fig. 8 is a view showing a third example of display in the cradle operation;

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Fig. 9 is a view showing a fourth example of display in the cradle operation;

Fig. 10 is a view showing a fifth example of display in the cradle operation;

Fig. 11 is a view showing a sixth example of display in the cradle operation;

Fig. 12 is a view showing a seventh example of display in the cradle operation;

5 Fig. 13 is a view showing an eighth example of display in the cradle operation;

Fig. 14 is a perspective view of the main body of a camera of a second embodiment;

10 Fig. 15 is a perspective view of the main body of the camera of the second embodiment, seen from another direction;

Fig. 16 is a schematic block diagram showing the configuration of the second embodiment;

15 Fig. 17 is a schematic block diagram showing the configuration of a third embodiment; and

Fig. 18 is a schematic block diagram showing a conventional configuration.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

20 Now the present invention will be clarified in detail by preferred embodiments thereof, with reference to the accompanying drawings.

25 Fig. 1 is a schematic block diagram showing the configuration of an embodiment of the present invention, wherein a camera module 10 is composed of an image pickup lens 12, a CCD image pickup element 14, an image pickup element control circuit 16 and an image

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